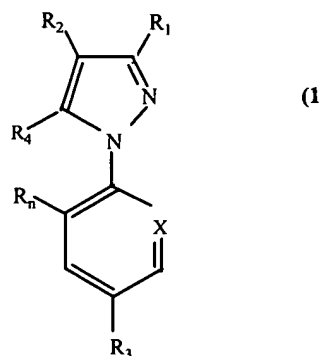


EXHIBIT B

PENDING CLAIMS IN APPLICATION NO. 09/09/155,843 AS OF JULY XX?, 2002

1. An adhesive composition comprising a wood adhesive and an insecticidal active material of formula



(I):

in which:

R_1 is -CN or methyl;

R_2 is $-S(O)_nR_3$;

R_3 is alkyl or haloalkyl;

R_4 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or an $-NR_5R_6$, $-S(O)_mR_7$, $-C(O)R_7$ or $-C(O)OR_7$, alkyl, haloalkyl or $-OR_8$ radical or an $-N=C(R_9)(R_{10})$ radical;

R_5 and R_6 represent, independently of one another, the hydrogen atom or an alkyl, haloalkyl, $-C(O)$ alkyl or $-S(O)_rCF_3$ radical or alternatively R_5 and R_6 can together form a divalent alkylene radical which can be interrupted by

one or two divalent heteroatoms, such as oxygen or sulphur;

R_7 represents an alkyl or haloalkyl radical;

R_8 represents an alkyl or haloalkyl radical or a hydrogen atom;

R_9 represents an alkyl or haloalkyl radical or a hydrogen atom;

R_{10} represents a phenyl or heteroaryl group optionally substituted by one or a number of halogen atoms or groups such as -HO, -O-alkyl, -S-alkyl, cyano or alkyl;

R_{11} and R_{12} represent, independently of one another, a hydrogen or halogen atom;

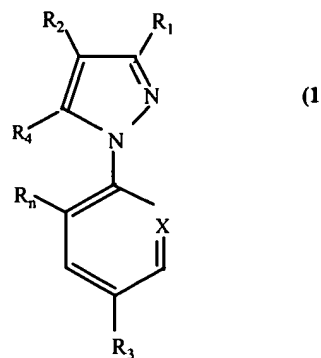
R_{13} represents a halogen atom or a haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, -S(O)_qCF₃ or -SF₅ group;

m, n, q and r represent, independently of one another an integer equal to 0, 1 or 2;

x represents a trivalent nitrogen atom or a C- R_{12} radical, the other three valencies of the carbon atom forming part of the aromatic ring;

with the proviso that when R_1 is methyl, then R_3 is haloalkyl, R_4 is NH₂, R_{11} is Cl, R_{13} is CF₃ and X is N.

17. An adhesive composition consisting essentially of a wood adhesive and an insecticidal active material of formula



(I):

in which:

R_1 is -CN or methyl;

R_2 is $-S(O)_nR_3$;

R_3 is alkyl or haloalkyl;

R_4 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or an $-NR_5R_6$, $-S(O)_mR_7$, $-C(O)R_7$ or $-C(O)OR_7$, alkyl, haloalkyl or $-OR_8$ radical or an $-N=C(R_9)(R_{10})$ radical;

R_5 and R_6 represent, independently of one another, the hydrogen atom or an alkyl, haloalkyl, $-C(O)$ alkyl or $-S(O)_rCF_3$ radical or alternatively R_5 and R_6 can together form a divalent alkylene radical which can be interrupted by one or two divalent heteroatoms, such as oxygen or sulphur;

R_7 represents an alkyl or haloalkyl radical;

R_8 represents an alkyl or haloalkyl radical or a hydrogen atom;

R_9 represents an alkyl or haloalkyl radical or a hydrogen atom;

R_{10} represents a phenyl or heteroaryl group optionally substituted

by one or a number of halogen atoms or groups such as -OH, -O-alkyl, -S-alkyl, cyano or alkyl;

R_{11} and R_{12} represent, independent of one another, a hydrogen or halogen atom;

R_{13} represents a halogen atom or a haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, -S (O) $_q$ CF₃ or -SF₅ group;

m, n, q and r represent, independently of one another, an integer equal to 0, 1 or 2;

X represents a trivalent nitrogen atom or a C- R_{12} radical, the other three valencies of the carbon atom forming part of the aromatic ring;

with the proviso that, when R_1 is methyl, then R_3 is haloalkyl, R_4 is NH₂, R_{11} is Cl, R_{13} is CF₃ and X is N.

18. The composition of Claim 1 or 17 wherein said active material of formula (I) is such that R_1 is CN and/or R_3 is haloalkyl and/or R_4 is NH₂ and/or R_{11} and R_{12} are, independently of one another, a halogen atom and/or R_{13} is haloalkyl.

19. The composition of Claim 1 or 17 wherein said active material of formula (I) is 1-[-2, 6-Cl₂-4-CF₃-phenyl]-3-CN-4-[SO-CF₃]-5-NH₂-pyrazole.

20. The composition of Claim 1 or 17 wherein said insecticidal active material is present in an amount which is effective against insects.

21. The composition of Claim 20 wherein said insects are termites.

22. The composition of Claim 1 or 17 wherein said wood adhesive is a thermoplastic resin.

23. The composition of Claim 22 wherein said thermoplastic resin is a thermoplastic vinyl resin.

24. The composition of Claim 22 wherein said thermoplastic resin is an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer.

25. The composition of Claim 1 or 17 wherein said wood adhesive is a thermosetting resin.

26. The composition of Claim 25 wherein said thermosetting resin is a thermosetting phenol-formaldehyde resin.

27. The composition of Claim 25 wherein said thermosetting resin is a resorcinol-formaldehyde resin.

28. The composition of Claim 1 or 17 wherein said insecticidal active material is present in an amount of from 0.5 g/l to 150 g/l.

29. The composition of Claim 28 wherein said insecticidal active material is present in an amount of from 5 g/l to 50 g/l.

30. A wood-based material bonded with the composition of Claim 1 or 17.

31. A wood-based material comprising a plurality of wood particles bonded to one another by the composition of Claim 1 or 17.

32. A wood-based material comprising a plurality of flat wood layers bonded to one another by the composition of Claim 1 or 17.

33. The wood-based material of Claim 30 wherein said insecticidal active material is present in said wood-based material in an amount of from 0.05 g/m² to 15 g/m².

34. The wood-based material of Claim 33 wherein said insecticidal material is present in said wood-based material in an amount of from 0.5 g/m² to 5 g/m².

35. A wood based material bonded with the composition of Claim 18.

36. A wood based material bonded with the composition of Claim 19.

37. A wood based material bonded with the composition of Claim 22.

38. A wood based material bonded with the composition of Claim 25.

39. A wood based material bonded with the composition of Claim 28